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1. APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S RAPID RESONSE TO REF A. EICHENHOLZ PLEASED EMBASSY HAS CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS WITH DR. NEVAT OF KUPAT HOLIM. IN REGARD ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS, EICHENHOLZ WILL DISCUSS WITHDR. CHINN UPON ARRIVAL IN TEL AVIV. AT THAT TIME CAN BE DETERMINED WHICH FACILITIES AND INDIVIDUALS WOULD BE MOST USE-FUL FOR HIM TO VISIT.

2. EICHENHOLZ INTERESTED PRIMARILY IN HEALTH INSURANCE AND HEALTH ECONOMICS. SPECIFIC ISSUES IN WHICH HE IS INTERESTED ARE:
(A) HOW DO HOSPITALS ESTABLISH BUDGETS? WHAT PROPORTION IS WAGES? HOW ARE RATES SET?
(B) WHO, IF ANYONE, APPROVES THEM AS BEING REASONABLE?
(C) WHAT IS THE EFFECT OF PATIENT COST SHARING (I.E. THE AMOUNT THE PATIENT PAYS DIRECTLY) ON THE USE OF SERVICES?
(D) HOW DOES THE SYSTEM ASSURE THAT MONEY PAID FOR HOSPITAL CARE IS USED EFFICIENTLY?
(E) WHAT HAS BEEN THE RECENT EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO INCREASES
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IN HOSPITAL COSTS, UTILIZATION, INCREASED USE OF SERVICES

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PER DAY, LENGTH OF STAY, ETC. (NON-MILITARY)?
(F) HOW ARE DECISIONS MADE TO BUILD HOSPITALS, OR TO EXPAND EXISTING HOSPITALS OR SERVICE PROGRAMS? HOW AR THE FUNDS GENERATED?
(G) PROBLEMS OF ASSURING SERVICES IN REMOTE AREA?

3. NO HOTEL RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.
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